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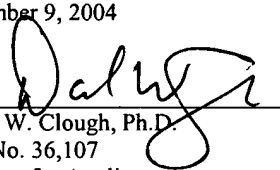
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2004**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office action mailed September 10, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.